

cial and economic interests. The commercial wings have undertaken an aggressive drive to increase our exports, to attract foreign investment and to channelise latest technology. An attempt has also been made to forge closer links with the major regional economic groupings, including the Association of South-East Asian National (ASEAN) and the European Community.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Foreign Service Training Institute regularly conducts refresher courses for our commercial representatives abroad to equip them better for the task of promoting our economic and commercial interests.

(d) The Government assesses, on a continuing basis, the strength and functioning of the economic and commercial wings in our Missions and Posts abroad. Computers and other facilities have been provided, wherever required, to reinforce the economic and commercial wings. Posts have also been reallocated, within the overall strength of the Ministry, to meet the requirements of actively promoting our exports and pursuing our economic interests abroad.

#### **International Conference on Goats**

6776. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an International Conference on goats was organised in Delhi;

(b) if so, the recommendation made at the Conference;

(c) the recommendations relevant to Indian context; and

(d) the follow-up action taken to implement these recommendations;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir. An International Conference on Goats was organised by the Indian Society for Sheep and Goat Production and Utilization in collaboration with the International Goat Association.

(b) The recommendations have not been received by the Government.

(c) and (d). Does not arise.

#### **Increase in Production of Gas**

6777. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate natural gas deposits in the country; State-wise;

(b) the new natural gas deposits discovered during each of the last three years;

(c) whether the Government have any propel to increase the production of natural gas; and

(d) if so, the specific steps proposed to be taken to step up gas field during the Eighth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKAR-ANAND): (a) As on 1.1.91, the estimated recoverable reserves are as follows:—

State	(Billion cu. mts.)
Gujarat	117.1
Rajasthan	3.6